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lication fund to publish researches conducted by the School. The residue of his estate, after the decease of the living legatees, will be given to the School in Bagdad.

Dr. Nies was one of the protagonists in the causes of the School of Jerusalem. About the time of its inception, in 1900, he undertook a laborious campaign to raise a large endowment for Palestine exploration, and while the effort was not successful, except for a small sum which is now being applied to that object, his enthusiasm was a great stimulus to the cause of the School.

Dr. Nies's death is most keenly felt by his colleagues on the Board of Trustees. He made all his friends by his gentle kindness. His practical wisdom was of indispensable value in our councils. And the self-effacing modesty which was his and Mrs. Nies's characteristic will be remembered by all when we think of them as the greatest benefactors of the Schools.

ALBERT T. CLAY.

### DR. NIES'S BEQUESTS TO THE SCHOOLS

The following are the articles of the will of Dr. Nies applying to the Schools:

*"Seventh:—*I hereby give and bequeath the sum of Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.) to the AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH, INC., to be applied by them to the erection of a suitable building to house the American School for Oriental Study and Research, located at Jerusalem, Palestine.

*"It is my specific desire and wish that this sum shall not be available until the aforesaid School shall have secured a clear title, in its own name, to the lands which it now holds at Jerusalem, and shall have secured a Firman or other authority from the Government of Palestine or its successor that will assure to it the privilege of continuing its work in Palestine. And it is a condition of this bequest that there be placed upon the building to be erected as aforesaid, a bronze tablet stating that the building has been erected by JAMES B. NIES to the memory of JANE DOWS NIES. Any advances of money which shall have been made by me during my lifetime to said AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH, INC., towards the erection of the building provided to be erected at Jerusalem as aforesaid are to be deducted from the Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.) bequeathed as aforesaid.*

*"Eighth:—*I hereby give and bequeath to my Trustees hereinafter named, the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.), in trust, nevertheless, for the following uses and purposes, to wit:—To invest and re-invest the same and to pay over the income thereof semi-annually to the AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH, INC., for the use of its School at Jerusalem, Palestine, and to be applied by it for the publication of the results of their investigations and to be known as the JANE DOWS NIES PUBLICATION ENDOWMENT.

*"Sixteenth:—*Upon the decease of the last of my brothers me surviving, all that portion of my residuary estate remaining undisposed of after the payment of the legacies above referred to, I direct my trustees hereinafter named, to invest and re-invest and pay over the income thereof semi-annually to the AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH, INC., for the use of its School at Bagdad, Mesopotamia, to be applied by said School for excavations and the publication of the results thereof."

The Schools are accordingly benefited by three distinct bequests. Two of them can be immediately realized upon as soon as the estate is settled: the bequest of \$50,000 for the Jane Dows Nies Memorial Building, some initial contracts for which had been let by Dr. Nies before his death; and the endowment of \$10,000 for a Publication Fund, which can be applied to the publication of the *ANNUAL*, etc. The residuary estate is left, in trust, for the use of the Bagdad School, for excavations and publication. What the amount of this will be is not known. While it will be long before this residuary bequest is available, the prospect of it sets our hopes for the Bagdad School on a most solid footing.

Other bequests of a public character are: to Yale University, the Nies Babylonian Collection and Library with an endowment of \$50,000 for publication; the American Numismatic Society, a collection of coins; the American Oriental Society, \$10,000 for a publication fund; and several generous bequests to the Church.

### IN MEMORIAM HOWARD CROSBY BUTLER

American archaeology and our Schools have indeed been bereaved in the space of a little over a year. Jastrow, Peters and Nies have been called to their rest, and now we have to mourn the passing of that brilliant gentleman and scholar, Prof. Howard Crosby Butler. Dr. Butler generously accepted service on the Board of Trustees of the newly incorporated Schools, and we counted much upon his counsels in our scientific work and practical undertakings. We had hoped that he would be the *liaison* for us between the Orient and the Mediterranean civilization, the boundaries of which are being rapidly effaced. We quote briefly some facts from a memorial sketch prepared by his friend and colleague, Prof. Allan Marquand, which the writer kindly put at our disposal.

The many friends of Professor Howard C. Butler were greatly shocked to learn of his sudden death in Paris on August 13th. Even yet the causes which led to it are not fully known or understood. When he left Princeton in the early Spring he was in perfect health, but contracted malarial fever in visiting a lake near Sardis. Apparently he recovered from this and when late in July he parted with Dr. Shear at Smyrna he showed no premonitions whatever of his approaching end. From Smyrna he turned his face homeward via Constantinople, Athens, and Sicily. At Taormina the malaria recurred and continued during his brief stay at Naples. His companions tried without success to have him remain with them but he pressed on alone, and the long journey to Paris, which he reached on August 11, left him much exhausted. On the afternoon of Sunday the 13th he was removed from his hotel to the American hospital at Neuilly, where he died that evening. His body, placed in charge of his friends, was sent to his home at Croton Falls, N. Y., and buried there. The services were held on September 6th, in the Presbyterian Church, of which he was the architect. Dean West made a brief but touching address, and many of his friends were present. A memorial service was held at the Graduate College in Princeton on October 21st.

Dr. Butler was born at Croton Falls, N. Y., in 1872. Graduating at Princeton in 1892, he became interested in architecture and archaeology, holding positions in the Schools at Athens and Rome and at Columbia, becoming professor at Princeton in 1905. He was a notable educator in his